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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David M. Stern, et al.  
U.S. Serial No.: 08/905,709 Examiner: E. Lazar-Wesley  
Filed : August 5, 1997 Group Art Unit: 1646  
For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED  
ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (sRAGE) SOLUBLE RECEPTOR  
FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Final Office Action issued on November 12, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 12, 2003 Final Office Action was originally due February 12, 2004. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from February 12, 2004 to May 12, 2004 for responding to the November 12, 2003 Final Office Action in order to file a Notice of Appeal for the above-identified application. The fee for the extension of time is \$475.00, and a check for that amount is enclosed. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on May 12, 2004 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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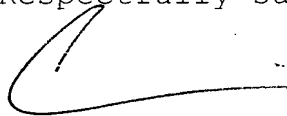
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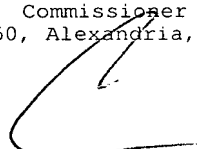
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$475.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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